SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1904.

CHAPTER 514.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 886A and 886B of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Vagrant, Dependent and Vicious Children," as enacted by Act of 1902, Chapter 611.

Vagrant and vicious children.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 886A and 886B of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Vagrant, Dependent and Vicious Children," as enacted by the Act of 1902, Chapter 611, be and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

Probation officers.

886A. The Supreme Bench of Baltimore City has authority to appoint and at pleasure remove, in such number as said court shall from time to time deem advisable, persons of either sex, of intelligence and probity, to serve during its pleasure as probation officers, three of whom shall be designated by said court as paid probation officers, and shall each receive from the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly; the others to serve without compensation from the city or State; the probation officers are deemed officers of the various courts presided over by the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, exercising functions under the authority and direction of such courts, and in the execution of their office are vested with the privileges and authority of conservators of the peace.

886B. In any proceeding before any of said courts or before Duties of pro-bation officers tody or commitment of any minor, one or more of the probation officers designated by the court or magistrate shall make such investigation as may be required by the court or magistrate, and execute such orders or directions of the court or magistrate as may be given them; at any stage of proceedings in the case of a minor who is charged with crime or whose care and custody is involved, the court or magistrate may suspend further action and place such minor in the care and custody of a probation officer for such time and upon such terms and con-